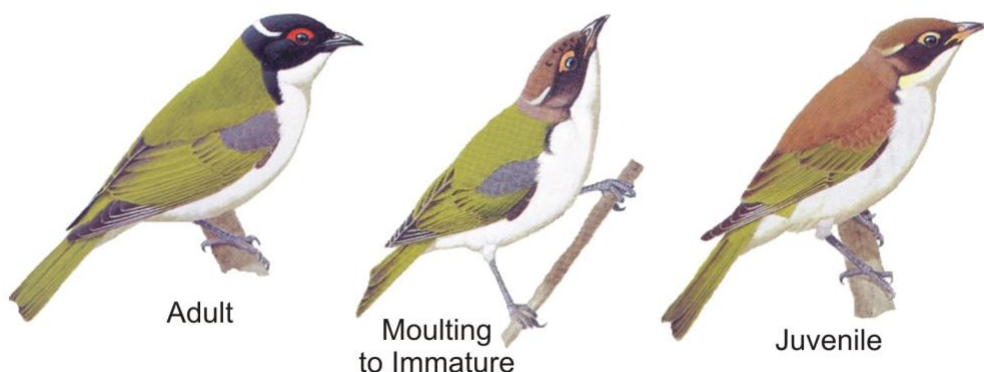


**White-naped Honeyeater**    *Melithreptus lunatus*    Species No.: 8311    Band Size: 02 AY



Morphometrics:

	Male	Female
Wing	77 – 81 mm	71 – 75.5 mm
Tail	59 – 64 mm	55 – 60 mm
THL	31.2 – 32.6 mm	29.2 – 30.4 mm
Bill:	13.3 – 16.6 mm	13.1 – 16.7 mm
Tarsus:	16.9 – 19.1 mm	16.5 – 19.8 mm
Weight	11.5 – 15.0 g	11.5 – 15.0 g

Ageing:

	Adult (2+)	Immature (1) or (2-)
Bill:	black;	upper mandible black, lower mandible brown;
Gape:	black;	orange;
Bare skin above eye:	red;	yellow to orange;
Nape band:	white;	indistinct;
Plumage generally:	black head, olive back white underparts;	brownish – traces of immature plumage retained into second year;

Juveniles undergo a partial moult to a superficially adult-like immature plumage soon after fledging; Immatures retain juvenile remiges and rectrices and sometimes feathers of the head; Molt to full adult plumage does not occur until the second Summer in a moult coinciding with adult post-breeding moult. Thus adults are (2+) and immatures can be aged (2-) or (1) depending on time of year.

Sexing:

Sexes similar in plumage, but males are larger than females -  
 THL: Male > 31.0 mm                      Female < 30.5 mm;  
 Wing: Male > 76 mm                        Female < 76 mm;  
 Not known whether both sexes incubate.